Mr. Wick 6-24-66

M. A. Jones

PAUL L. HOCH
2701 RIDGE ROAD
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD
KENNEDY

On June 21, 1966, captioned individual personally appeared at FBI Headquarters and spoke with SA [redacted] of the Crime Research Section. He advised that he is a student at the University of California and is doing a study and research on the assassination of President Kennedy. He indicated that he had spent considerable time at the National Archives and was desirous of posing several questions concerning the assassination to the FBI. Hoch was advised results of the FBI investigation into the assassination had been turned over to the President's Commission and that information which could be made public had been released to the National Archives. He stated he realized this and planned to do some more research and would recontact the FBI in a day or two to see if they could be of any assistance to him. Hoch again contacted SA [redacted] on June 23, 1966, and inquired as to whether the FBI could comment or confirm the following information. (b)(6)

(1) The FBI and Secret Service enjoyed good liaison throughout the investigation.

(2) Did the FBI obtain a copy of the Kennedy autopsy report shortly after the Secret Service?

(3) Was the information set forth in the FBI Summary Report of December 9, 1963, based on either written or oral results of the autopsy?

(4) Has all material in the FBI's possession pertaining to the assassination that can be made public been released to the National Archives?

(5) Was the statement which appeared in "The Washington Post" on May 29, 1966, which was attributed to an FBI spokesman which in effect said the Summary Report was based on the medical evidence available at the time," accurate?

Enclosure
1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure

M. A. Jones to Wick Memo
RE: PAUL L. HOCH

Mr. Hoch also advised that it appeared likely that reports by Agents Sibert and O'Neil, who reportedly attended the autopsy, were included in one of three Commission documents (Commission Documents 5, 7 and 49). He commented that the Archives had not yet removed portions of these documents which were withheld because they deal with Jack Ruby and inquired as to whether the Bureau could advise him as to what pages in these documents the reports of the autopsy appeared. He stated the documents are lengthy and are accessible only if he can specify which pages are of interest.

OBSERVATION:

It is apparent that Hoch has done considerable research into the assassination. He is a college student; not a professional writer and it is believed that in view of the recent publicity concerning the autopsy reports, we should not furnish him any information concerning the autopsy. It is believed that it would be permissible to advise him that the FBI did enjoy excellent liaison with the Secret Service throughout the investigation but that we not comment any further concerning his inquiry. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Hoch.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter go forward to Mr. Hoch.